

Blood-Stream Infection (CDC)

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Our organization has been using a product that has proven to be quite successful in decreasing our BSI rates. Both of our PICUs saw great improvement, with over 800 days without a BSI in St. Paul, and over 300 days without a BSI in Minneapolis. As such, we respectfully make the following request for changes to the CDC guideline for prevention of intravascular catheter infections:

- Change verbiage from 2% Chlorhexidine to "use an alcoholic Chlorhexidine gluconate solution greater than 0.5% CHG"
- Change recommendation for peripheral IV catheters from "isopropyl alcohol" to "alcoholic CHG solution" for same standard of care for all vascular access procedures
- Include cleaning of ports/hubs with either alcoholic CHG or 70% isopropyl alcohol to be consistent with SHEA/IDSA guidelines from 2008

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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